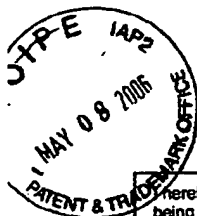


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Sir/Madam:

This paper is filed in response to a non-final Office Action dated November 10, 2005, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. This response is timely filed along with a petition for an extension of time and the requisite fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

An Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2.

An Amendment to the Drawings begins on page 3.

An Amendment to the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Appendices A and B are attached following page 18 of this paper.

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depend. Accordingly dependent claims 18, 40-42, 45, 49, and 50 have been clarified by the clarifying amendments to claims 14, 16, 17, 43, and 44.

In view of the foregoing comments and the amendments herein, the rejection of claims 14, 16-18, 40-45, 49, and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

### III. Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks provided herein, the Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and early notification thereof is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, she is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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